

# NEHRU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)



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## **SEED MONEY RESEARCH PROJECT POLICY**

### **Vision:**

To nurture young researcher innovative ideas for IPR product development and start-ups

### **Mission:**

1. Leading to publication either in WoS or SCI or Scopus indexed journals.
2. To patent the product or process obtained through outcome of this project.
3. Leading to Start-ups in collaboration with NGI-TBI

### **Eligibility:**

Any faculty member of NASC who has put in a minimum of 2 years of continuous service and has been confirmed as regular employee can submit a proposal for financial support under Seed Money Project.

### **Project Duration and Number:**

Duration of the research project will be 12 months but extendable up to a maximum of 15 months with prior approval from Research Committee. Maximum number of Seed Money projects are limited to two per domain per academic year, but the research committee can consider additional projects based on the availability of funds and novelty of the objectives.

### **Financial Support for Seed Money Project:**

Seed Money Project is a Minor Research Project that sanction funds under the following heads:

1. Recurring [ Chemicals, Research Assistant & Research Associate fellowship, publications]
2. Non-recurring expenses [minor instruments]

The maximum amount will be ₹.100,000 (One Lakh only)

### **Disbursement of Research expenses and Research Allowance:**

Funds will be disbursed as follows:

- 30% on signing the Agreement of Commitment & providing activity plan for the entire project
- 40% on progress made at the end of sixth month.
- 30% on completion of the project and submission of the project report in the prescribed format along with the actual bills and vouchers.

**Nature of the project:**

Collaborative projects in association with other department of NASC, NGI & Industry.

**Conditions Applicable:**

- No special leave for carrying out Seed Money project.
- No exemption from regular academic work assignments.
- One research article relevant to the title of project has to be published in either WoS or Scopus indexed journal during the period of seed money project.
- Agreement of Commitment is an undertaking letter should be submitted by PI & Co-PI that the research project will be completed within the specified period of time.
- Objectives of the project as mentioned in the proposal and progress made in fulfilling the objectives has to be submitted for every three months. It has to be presented before the committee members till the completion of the project.
- The Principal Investigator is soul responsible for the completion of the project.
- No new proposal shall be considered under the scheme where the proposer (principal investigator or the co-investigator) is yet to complete an already approved project.
- Under normal circumstances, the faculty member (both PI & Co-PI) can submit project proposal only after two years of completion of the first Seed Money Project. However, the committee members can consider the application of a faculty member after one year, provided the number of applications received from the respective domain is less than the maximum limit.
- Journal publications should have our college complete address and official mail id.
- The inventor in both Patent / Grants should be Nehru Arts and Science College, Thirumalayampalayam, Coimbatore.
- The items relevant to project can be procured after prior approval from the committee members. The payment should be made through Cheque and through proper channel.
- The items procured through or the outcome of this project should be entered in department Stock register and in icampuz.
- The procured items are sole property of the department /college and not to any individual.
- The PI is fully responsible for the submission of the final project report on time and submission of accounts to Finance officer, NGI,
- No dues certificate issued by Finance section, NGI has to be submitted to Dean- Research.
- **In the event of non-submission of the project report within the**

**stipulated time, the Principal investigator is obliged to refund the entire amount claimed under the policy.**

**Submission Requirements:**

- The Research Proposal must be submitted strictly in accordance with the guidelines and in the prescribed formats.
- Faculty members can submit proposals either individually or in a team of two from the same department or from two different departments or collaboration with NGI
- In the case of joint research proposals, one of the faculty members will be the Principal Investigator.
- All Investigators are obliged to meet all the contractual requirements of the project.
- Budgetary estimates for cost and time must be realistic and will be evaluated by the Review Committee effecting changes thereon.
- The project proposal format will be circulated. The length of the research proposal should not exceed 10 pages.
- Two copies of the filled-in application form have to be submitted to The Principal.
- A soft copy of all the documents (in MS Word, Font - Times New Roman, Size – 12 point) on A4 size paper should be submitted to [nascentresearch@nehrucolleges.com](mailto:nascentresearch@nehrucolleges.com).

**Evaluation and Selection Criteria:**

Research proposals will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Collaborative research and contributions
- Innovative Research Idea
- Satisfying Sustainable Development Goals
- Leading to start ups.
- The project should be new and a novel idea.
- Should not submit AI generated documents.
- Plagiarism should be less than 10 – 15 %
- The committee members are authorized to scrutinize, accept and reject the project.

**Procedure for Approval:**

- The proposal shall be either approved or returned with suggestions for modification and resubmission or be rejected.
- The decision of the Review Committee shall be final and no further

communication shall be entertained on the matter.

- In case of interdisciplinary proposals, the primary discipline indicated in the proposal shall be treated as the Domain/Department it belongs to.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Journal Publications either Scopus / SCI / WoS
- Patents / IPR
- Socially relevant Product / Entrepreneurship / Consultancy

**Seed Money Project Time Cycle:**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Month</b>
1	Application Opens on	July
2	Submission of the Application and Proposal	August last week
3	Review Committee meetings and final approval by the Committee	September first week
4	Completion of documentation, signing of agreement, selection of start date, and release of the first instalment of financial support	September last week
5	Submission of First Progress Report along with expenditure records	December
6	Submission of Second Progress Report along with expenditure records	March
7	Submission of Third Progress Report along with expenditure records	June
8	Submission of Final Report along with progress report and expenditure records	June
9	Presentation of the Report to the Review Committee	July
10	Submission of the revised report, in case of suggested Modifications.	July

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